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Dear Harold,

Next to being on Nixon's enemies list, I can't think of any greater honor than receiving one of your poison pen letters. You are a master of the craft. In all my years, I have never, until this time, been insulted in Latin. Do what you will with the carbons, Harold, but I intend to save my originals. If you think you're getting ripped off now, do you realize whats in store, in the future?? I can just imagine some of these letters being auctioned off, one day, after you become truly famous.

It has occurred to me that if you ever donate your stuff to a library, your correspondance should first be screened, using the following file classification system: 1) Weisberg letters, outgoing---assassination related; and 2) Weisberg letters, outgoing, ---rantings and ravings file. I suggest this procedure so that the relevant materials can be isolated. Once this is done, the Weisberg collection will, I am sure, not pose such a storage problem.

For whatever its worth, I think I have already made myself clear that I have no particular interest in the spectro/NAA stuff other than to peruse;it, see what it says, and help if I can. I'm not doing anything with it in any court, or publicly, either. So, gripe if you must, but you really have no complaints against me----not a one. Furthermore, if I didn't sincerely feel that you were being given a raw deal by those who rushed before microphones and didn't give you credit for the legal spadework, I wouldn't have written you that last letter. (And regarding dates---I believe you are again imagining things. My carbon is dated 5/17; changed from 5/14. That date, 5/17, is the same day I wrote Jim a second letter, telling him quite frankly that I had decided to order my own copy, and thought it best to order my own copy, so as not to impose in any way on his relationship with you. Whats wrong with that, may I ask?)

As I said in my letter toyou: "It is a fact of life, in our society, that manypeopl e usually get the benefits of a legal battle which was, in fact, carried forward by one particular person." If the ethical system you would like to use in Freedom of Information cases were ever applied in the school desegration area, no black person couldattend a previously all-white school after the Supreme Court's 1954 decision without first receiving permission to do so by Brown, of "Brown vs. Board-of-Educaion" fame.

Should we, in each FOI battle waged in this country, change the law so that the documents don't become public; rather, "permission" must then be sought from the person who waged the FOI fight to start with?? Are you serious? Methinks you have a concept from patent law (where

the intellectual product of a man's mind (i.e., his invention) remains his for about 17 years) confused with the philosophy behind the Freedom of Information Act.

Instead of fuming at me, you should be pleased to know that I am one person who will cause you no trouble, by either doing anything publicly with this material just now, or doing anything in court which could in any way be detrimental to your FOI case. As I told Jim, I have the greatest respect for the work he has done, truly appreciate his approach, and wish him the best. Were I to want to file any suit of my own, my first impulse would be to communicate with him to make sure it wouldn't in any way foul up anything he was doing for you.

So your concerns are entirely misplaced, Harold.

Getting back to your letter....although I don't speak Latin, and haven't had a chance yet to drop by the local parish priest to get a precise translation of your insult, I want you to know that I frequently think of you as a Alter Sabberer[1], a Clabaudeur[2], a Chiacchierone incoerente[3]. And besides all your protestations about people stealing things from you, you frequently behave like a elender betruger[1], a chien de voleur[2], a Ladro malandrino[3], a fullero[4].

I excuse much of your behavior on the grounds that you are pazzoide.[3] Were that not the case, I'd have to conclude that you were a idiota meschino[3].

Concerned for you,

David

David Lifton

1. German
2. French
3. Italian
4. Spanish